

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes:	Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	August 26, 2003
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER
& PLEDGE**

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mary Banick, Jim Burns, Bal Daquigan, Albert Wang, Joanne Wood and Denny Weisgerber.

Commissioners Absent: Steve Lu and Bakshish Sandhu

Alternates Present: Frances Woodworth was seated for Commissioner Lu and Amanda Santos was seated for Bakshish Sandhu.

Council Liaison: Councilmember Althea Polanski.

Staff Present: Kathleen Yurchak, Recreation Services Supervisor and Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: to adopt the Agenda.
M/S: Woodworth/Burns
Ayes: Unanimous

III. MINUTES

MOTION: to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2003, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Wang/Burns
Ayes: Unanimous

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak read through the Financial Report.

MOTION: to approve the Financial Report as presented.
M/S: Burns/Wang
AYES: Unanimous

V. CITIZEN FORUM

Marilyn Hay, 523 Dundee, Milpitas, announced that Thursday, August 28, 2003, is Councilwoman Althea Polanski's Birthday. Althea announced that it is also Police Chief Lawson's Birthday. Art Swanson stated that Thursday the Mars planet would be as close as it has been in 60,000 years. He asked if the City of Milpitas had anything special planned to view the planet and stars and requested that if anyone knew of a special event, to please inform him.

Frances Woodworth stated we need to privatize Medicare. She handed out a packet with important information regarding two bills that if passed would result in the privatization of Medicare. She requested that Commissioners read the information and support the cause. Also included in the packet was information regarding Medicare Scams.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Recreation Services Supervisor Yurchak welcomed back Cherie Sherrod as recording secretary and introduced Lynette Wilson, Senior Center Program Coordinator and SAC's Staff Liaison. Supervisor Yurchak announced that she would be the Staff Liaison for the Arts Commission and then read the remaining announcements as noted on Page 1 of the agenda.

Police Chief Lawson announced that they graduated 3 seniors from the Police Volunteer Program last Thursday. He said they perform clerical duties, such as, filing and answering telephones. He stated that feedback has been that the senior's feel like they are really doing something for their community. Chief Lawson stated that school opened yesterday and the police are patrolling the school grounds, especially at the high school, to deter problems.

Marilyn Hay announced that the Milpitas-Berryessa AARP Chapter will have their next meeting on September 18, 2003, at 1:30pm, and there will be a speaker on Hearing Aide Laws at the Pioneer Mobile Home Park.

VII. OLD BUSINESS Senior Issues Projects Update

Supervisor Yurchak reiterated that at the July 1, 2003, City Council Meeting, the Council voted to locate the Library to 160 N. Main Street and locate the Senior Center to 40 N. Milpitas Blvd. She continued to read the background information on page 3 of the agenda. She said construction at the Sal Cracolice Building will become noticeable around October/November, 2003. The front area will be graded first and then the modulars will be installed. The modulars will be built off site.

Art Swanson mentioned the small classroom has inadequate ventilation. Supervisor Yurchak stated that it would be modified. Councilwoman Althea Polanski mentioned that when the City purchased the property they also purchased the Sal Cracolice Building and that any improvements made to the facility would create a win-win situation.

**Senior Advisory
Commissions Projects
Updates**

Commissioner Woodworth, facilitator of the Housing/Senior Center Task Force, stated that 35 acres were purchased next to Elmwood and 7,500 homes would be built by K & B builders. Also, 102 units would be built, 5 units designated for low income and the rest for moderate to low income. The library project is going to be moved to the old senior center site.

Commissioner Banick, facilitator of the Services & Programs Task Force, read a paragraph from the previous month's minutes.

Chair Weisgerber, facilitator of the Transportation Task Force, stated VTA is keeping transportation under control and trying not to cut back lines.

Chair Weisgerber recommended that unless a commissioner has something important to report regarding the special projects then they can agendize the discussion for the following commission meeting.

MOTION: to agendize future Commission Projects Updates when there is important information for discussion.

M/S: Weisgerber/Woodworth

AYES: 7

NOE: 1 (Burns)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Use of SAC funds

Supervisor Yurchak stated that the Senior Advisory Commission has funds to assist the Senior Center and its programs and she asked if the Commission would like to provide monetary assistance for the upcoming Senior Center Holiday Dinner in December and/or would they like to purchase a remembrance gift for Commissioner Fabregas. It was decided to include Carlos Fabregas' name on the perpetual volunteer plaque at the Senior Center and to donate \$250.00 for the Senior Center's Holiday Dinner in December.

MOTION: To donate \$250.00 to the Senior Center's Holiday Dinner in December.

M/S: Woodworth/Burns

AYES: Unanimous

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson read through the report on pages 1 and 2 of the agenda.

Program Coordinator Wilson stated that the bookmobile time had been changed to 10:30am instead of 11:10am as noted on page 2 of the agenda.

Chair Weisgerber mentioned that the Rotary is involved with the Senior Fishing Day on September 27, 2003, and those fishing can either catch and release or catch and keep the fish, and there will be someone there assigned to cut and gut the fish.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Supervisor Yurchak read the report on page 2 of the Agenda.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

Councilmember Althea Polanski thanked everyone who came out and participated in the July 4th activities and stated the fireworks were great. She reminded the commission that the City Council Public Session begins at 7:00pm and not at 7:30pm. She mentioned that Vice Mayor Dixon's first granddaughter was born on August 12, her name is Jordan Emily Marie and she weighed 8lbs 14 1/2ozs. She stated that City Council approved the budget appropriation for the 50th Anniversary Celebration for next year, \$50,000 was approved reflecting 50 years. The Council also approved going forward with creating a historical book with the Milpitas Post. Mort Levine, the original owner of The Post, will be working on the book. City Council approved the logo for the 50th celebration. The logo will be displayed on banners and letterhead, as well as other places. All the entries are displayed in the lobby of City Hall. The person that designed the approved logo works at Huntford Printing. She mentioned that the City is still unsure of how hard it will be hit with the State Budget, but the City Employees stepped up and will have their salary increases deferred to help with the budget, if needed. The Commission Bylaws that the City Clerk worked to update are approved and now all the City's Commission Bylaws are conformed. A DUI cost recovery program has been implemented so the City will begin to bill the people to recover some costs.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Committee

Frances Woodworth reported that guest speaker Anna Eshew was called out of town, so they brought in two new voting machines and provided a demonstration. She stated

voters will insert a card similar to the one you would use at a hotel, then select the language, vote, and return the card to the poll workers. There is a computer chip on the back of the machine that is removed and tabulates the votes when voting is completed.

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Wood reported that the AARP meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2003, at 1:30pm at Pioneer Mobile Home Park, 60 Wilson Way. The speaker will be from SHHH (Self Help for the Hard of Hearing) a non-profit organization and they will be discussing issues for people hard of hearing. On October 16, 2003, the speaker will be from International Essential Tremor Foundation and will explain the difference between essential tremors and Parkinsons.

2.4 Nutrition Site Council

Joyce Dovlet returns home from Minnesota today. No report.

2.5 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Comm.

No report.

2.6 Arts Commission

Councilmember Polanski mentioned that the artist featured at the Milpitas Community Center is Scott Heindrichs. He has an amazing display of photographs with light, which will be displayed until October 24, 2003.

Chair Weisgerber asked if Amanda Santos would like to add any information regarding the 50th anniversary. Commissioner Santos stated that City Council gave approval to form subcommittees to implement the programs. Some subcommittee suggestions were City Events, Group Events and Activities, Historical Book project, Momentos and Decorations, and Public Information. It was decided to combine the City Events and the Momentos and Decorations together and Marilyn Hay is the Chair and Jennifer Lind is the sub-chair. Commissioner Santos is a member of the Historical Book project Committee along with Jennifer Lind as well as City Events. The City Events committee responsibilities include, planning the party, refreshments, invitations, location of the ceremony, serve as volunteers at the party, and promote the event to the community. The Group Events and Activities committee is supposed to determine group participation guidelines, select groups and approve activities, and promote activities in the community. The Historical Book project will assist in the book text and layout, create the distribution plan, coordinate creation and sales of distribution outlets and agencies. The Momentos and Decorations which is combined with City Events is supposed to select banner designs and

displays, select momentos and determine momento distribution methods. The Public Information committee will assist in identifying public information needs and methods and review public information and design. These subcommittees will have separate meetings to decide what steps to take to effectively implement their programs.

XI. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month, October 28, 2003, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherie Sherrod
Commission Secretary